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Dear Commissioners:

As a group committed to addressing the needs of the communities in the southern portion of the Atlanta metro area, we see firsthand the impact of the digital divide. Over the past decade or so, the advent of the personal computer and the Internet has changed the way people learn, work, socialize and live. But not everyone has benefitted.

One key step in bridging this divide will be to ensure that everyone has access to wireless Internet, and AT&T will help us move closer to that goal with its request to merger with T-Mobile. I am writing you today in hopes that you will join me in supporting this merger.

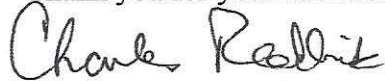
Statistics show that while about two-thirds of white Americans have subscribed to broadband Internet service at home, less than half of African Americans do. In rural areas, one major reason could be that broadband is not available in many areas.

We do know, though, that more African Americans than white Americans have cell phones, and so expanding the reach of wireless broadband services may help us to reach more African Americans. AT&T will be able to do that with this merger, as it integrates T-Mobile's network and spectrum. AT&T forecasts that within a few years it will reach 97.3 percent of Americans with the next generation of its wireless broadband service. All it will take for access will be a smart phone or other cellular phone with wireless Internet capability.

Having this access will open doors to education, new jobs, and a better lifestyle.

We believe in actions, and that is why we support this merger. AT&T is rising to the challenge issued by President Obama to reach 98 percent of the country with broadband Internet service. We can't afford to turn our back on this opportunity.

Thank you for your attention.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles Reddick". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly stylized font.

Mr. Charles Reddick  
President, Chairman of the Board  
100 Black Men of South Metro

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